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August 6, 1990

Eric P. Newman  
Mercantile Money Museum  
Mercantile Tower  
Seventh & Washington  
St. Louis, MO 63101

Dear Mr. Newman:

I've been meaning to write to you for some time. We've met several times at recent ANA conventions, and down at Armand Champa's "Invasion of Louisville". Last year in Pittsburgh, you, Walter Breen, and Ken Bressett were kind enough to autograph my copy of "The Fantastic 1804 Dollar".

This was the second coin book I ever read, after the Redbook. After just the first chapter, I was hooked on numismatics. I read it and reread it and remained fascinated by the numismatic detective work it described. I now have about 400 volumes of numismatic literature, but this book remains one of my favorites.

Would it be possible for you to send me a copy of an original manuscript, or any of your notes or correspondence relating to the book? Photocopies are fine, although I'd pay any reasonable amount to own originals. Of course, I'll pay all expenses involved. To my mind, this book is a classic work of numismatic literature, and I would be very glad to obtain any kind of material relating to it. I've already checked with Walter, and all of his materials were stolen or destroyed. I would be very grateful if you could provide any information from your files.

I plan to attend the ANA Convention in Seattle later this month, and I hope to see you there. I greatly enjoyed your previous Numismatic Theatre talks and am looking forward this year's presentation. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

*Wayne K. Homren*

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ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

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November 28, 1990

Mr. Wayne K. Homren  
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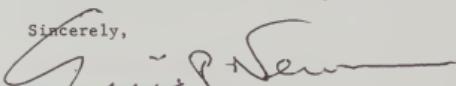
Dear Mr. Homren:

In cleaning my desk I found your letter of August 6, 1990 concerning my 1804 book. It indicated you would see me in Seattle. I was there, but our paths didn't seem to cross.

I thank you for your kind comments about the book. I wrote something for the October 1990 NUMISMATIST on that subject and wonder if you saw it.

I have a big box full of all the research for the book and subsequent related matters. I presume you have the American Numismatic Society's COAC publication for an update on the subject published a few years ago, as this refers to the 25 years of action since the original publication.

Sincerely,



Eric P. Newman

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February 1, 1991

Mr. Eric P. Newman  
6450 Cecil Avenue  
St. Louis, MO 63105

Dear Mr. Newman:

Thank you for your reply of November 28, 1990. I'm sorry I missed you in Seattle. I was at the convention, and saw you several times, but never got a chance to speak with you. I attended your Numismatic Theatre presentation on counterfeit detecting devices. I was delighted by the presentation, and thought it was the best talk at the show. You were mobbed by people after the talk, and I had to leave before you were free. I saw you again at the NBS meeting, but you left early.

I've appointed myself a committee of one to set up an ANA Numismatic Literature exhibit category in the name of the Numismatic Bibliomania Society. Ken Lowe, Myron Xenos, and John Bergman are all for it. We need to raise \$3,000 to endow the category; the ANA uses the interest to pay for award plaques and expenses. John says the NBS treasury has a surplus and could be tapped for some of the funds. I'd like to raise as much as I can from the members before dipping into the club till. Once the new officers take over I'll start publicizing the fund drive.

Anyway, as I mentioned in my last letter I am curious about your research into the 1804 Dollar. I do have your recent Numismatist and COAC articles. I'm glad to hear you still have your research materials for the Fantastic 1804 Dollar. Would it be possible for me to borrow or copy them someday?

I have a friend in Columbia, MO that I'd like to visit sometime before the ANA. Would it be possible for me to stop by to visit you? I'd love to see your museum and library. Perhaps a Friday or Saturday in March? I would also like to talk sometime about your visits to Pittsburgh. I'm working on a history of the Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Society, and would like to hear your recollections. The society has some photos taken during your visit.

Sincerely,

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February 7, 1991

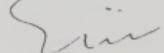
Mr. Wayne K. Homren  
1027 King Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15206

Dear Wayne:

Thank you for your cordial letter of February 1, 1991. If you wish to stop in St. Louis on your way to Columbia, MO, I will be delighted to spend some time with you if I am in town. My museum and library are open from 10:00 to 4:00 every day, including holidays but the library is only available when either the curator or myself is present.

I look forward to your visit.

Sincerely,



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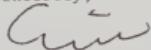
February 7, 1991

Mr. Wayne K. Homren  
1027 King Avenue  
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Dear Wayne:

My file on the 1804 Dollar matter consists of two cardboard file boxes which are at my residence. If we have an opportunity, you can see what I have and we can talk about it.

Sincerely,



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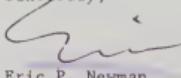
February 7, 1991

Mr. Wayne K. Homren  
1027 King Avenue  
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Dear Wayne:

I think a Numismatic Literature Exhibit category is an excellent idea for the ANA annual meeting exhibition. I believe we need a tentative budget on how much is to be spent each year and that can be raised by personal solicitation or from the Society. I do not get very excited about such endowments. The project may not stay viable, the investment of it may be a problem, etc. It certainly will be a nice way of having the choice literature exhibited.

Sincerely,



Eric P. Newman

EPN:bv

Wayne K. Johnson

May 14, 1973

Dr. Carl Johnson  
c/o International House Museum  
Berkeley, Calif.  
5000 El Cerrito Avenue  
Berkeley, Calif. 94707

Dear Dr. Johnson:

Thank you again for your letter. I enclose some notes on the 1973 American Bazaar Convention last month. I inserted a short one-off listing through our library. I have a number of good pictures of the reception and will visit to your library. I'll send you a set in a few weeks.

Earlier today we are serving an article about our visit to the Mexico; we'll seek your review and balance publication. If possible, could you send me a copy of the International House you places in display at the convention? I would like to mention this display in the article, but no copies were very useful in that regard.

And there are two of the three odd series of components to the 1972-73 Stone Age set. The first set has been sold unfortunately, but the other two were still available. My trust is listed twice.

I don't know if I'll start collecting again just yet, although I find this very interesting. If the reception is over, I may just send a check, but if you're still in a trading mood, perhaps you have some duplicate literature or comparable items. I'd try to will me if you have any questions.

Set of gold scales in wood, incense, cigarette  
burner, weights and flat spoon. and velvet lining  
box. \$65.00

Set of gold scales in the box decorated with  
spoon, weights, American eagle. 10 pieces weights.  
\$55.00

Sincerely,

Wayne K. Johnson

To Wayne Homren

Items for exhibit at Early American Coppers Convention at Clarion Hotel, St. Louis, MO on April 2, 1992 through April 6, 1992. Owned by Eric P. Newman Numismatic Education Society. Values are included.

1931 Newspaper ~~page~~<sup>article about</sup> of Eric P. Newman ~~1931~~ at age 13 as a numismatist

1792 Advertisement in Philadelphia newspaper ~~for~~<sup>to buy</sup> old copper for the U.S. Mint. ~~19300~~

1788 Picture in Gentlemen's Magazine of Nova Constellatio copper coin. ~~19300~~

1793 Samuel Sower, Exchange book ~~19300~~ for cents and Pennsylvania pence.

1791 Thomas Paine's "Thoughts on a U.S. Mint." ~~19300~~ - describing the silver cent

1909 Original ledger of coins of Dr. Thomas P. Hall Collection. ~~(\$2,500)~~ showing his unc aperf 1793 cents ~~etc.~~

1789 Bordley's "On Money, Coins, Weights, and Measures" ~~19300~~ with 1790 supplement.

1838 "Coins in America" by Dr. James Mease - the earliest numismatic writing on coins published in America.

1859 Mayers "History of Numismatic Literature" published in Norton's literary letter. - the first American numismatic bibliographical article published. ~~etc.~~

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May 12, 1992

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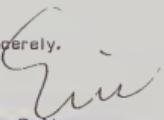
Dear Wayne:

Thank you for your action on my behalf. On a scale of 1 to 10, you are a 10. A check for \$65, plus \$255, plus postage of \$6.40 is enclosed.

I enclose also a revised list of literature items I had on display, supplemented with a few extra comments. I am writing an article for the NUMISMATIST and the ASYLUM covering the Mease item which I rediscovered after 133 years.

An inventory of my library is being sent to you, as you indicated would be helpful to you. It was a pleasure to show the library to you, Charles and others. If there are further questions, please let me know, as the printout does not cover the full description which is in the computer.

My very best to you.

Sincerely,  
  
Eric P. Newman

June 27, 1992

Dear Eric:

During my visit in April you expressed an interest in my collection of old periodical articles relating to numismatics. My entire accumulation to date is enclosed. I'm afraid they are in no particular order. Review them at your leisure, and make copies of anything you like.

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MR. ERIC NEWMAN  
MERCANTILE MONEY MUSEUM  
MERCANTILE TOWER  
7th & WASHINGTON  
ST. LOUIS, MO 63101

From

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Wayne Holmren

July 9, 1992

Dear Wayne:

You were extremely thoughtful to send me a group of your sections of magazines containing numismatic episodes. I immediately sat down and read those I had not read or those I had not remembered I read. It was a cultural sauna for me. I really enjoyed it and I thank you.

I have made photocopies of selected articles but I found that of those you sent there are many duplicates.

These are as follows:

My suggestion is that I can send you similar items you do not have for one each of the first five items. I think this will benefit both of us.

Let me know if this appeals to you. All single items would be returned as well as other duplicates.

I just finished a numismatic literature article for the August Numismatist. It is based upon the early new items I exhibited at EAC in St. Louis. I hope you think it is interesting as I did much research to develop it.

My repeated thanks.

Eric P. Newman

Wayne

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Wayne Homren

July 23, 1992

Dear Wayne:

I wanted to telephone you but find your number is unlisted at the customer's request. I would like to talk to you and wonder if you will write it to me.

Your friend's coin detector is here and I already have one, but I'll try to find a customer. It has been dropped and slightly bent but I think I can straighten it out.

I am sending you a preliminary draft of the article which will be in The Numismatist in August (I am told). Because of your interest in numismatic bibliography I thought an advanced copy might be of interest.

I am getting together some publications to send you. One is both Pittsburgh and numismatically oriented.

My best,



Eric P. Newman

enclosures

8/21/92 afternoon

Phone call from Wayne Homren:

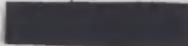
- 1) check should be made out to Jerry Porter
- 2) If you are interested in bound copies of illustrated LONDON NEWS 1840s & 1850s,  
here is address: Aardvark Books  
Box 1070  
Patagonia AZ 85624

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

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September 1, 1992

Mr. Wayne Homren



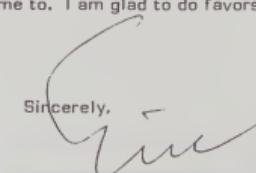
Dear Wayne:

Enclosed is a check for \$275 to Jerry Porter for the Maranville dial scale. This is the best I could obtain for it. Before ANA, I mentioned it to some others, with no takers. At the ANA, I left it in a dealer's case to sell, with the dealer keeping the excess over \$275.00. I think it was sold for \$300 the last day. I will tell you the dealer's name if you wish. Perhaps the old owner will be delighted.

I appreciate the fact it was offered to us for our collection, and when I already had one, I tried to sell it as you asked me to. I am glad to do favors like this because people do me favors so often.

Thanks for the opportunity.

Sincerely,

  
Eric P. Newman

EPN:bv

December 6, 1992

Dear Eve:

It was nice to see you again at the ANA in Orlando. I thought of you when I received the enclosed flyer on coin scales. Perhaps you're already familiar ~~to~~ with this gentleman. I thought I'd send it to you in case there's something you need for your collection.

Happy Holidays

Wayne

WAYNE K. ROMREN

The ANS Library furnished me the following on Jacob Perkins:

Ralph R. Weaver, Essay Proof Journal, Vol. 19, No. 2, pp. 61-66 (1962); Vol. 19, No. 3, pp. 131-139 (1962); Vol. 19, No. 4, pp. 169-175 (1963)

Tom LaMarre, Coin World, Vol. 28, No. 1417, June 10, 1987, pp. 28 & 32.

F. Marcus Armand, International Banknote Society Journal, Vol. 17, No. 2 (1978), pp. 110-115.

F. Marcus Armand, Paper Money, Vol. 18, No. 2 (march 1979), pp. 88-90.

Samuel Knapp, 1835 item reprinted in Colonial Newsletter, Vol. 27, No. 3 (November 1987), pp. 1001-1015.

Greville & Dorothy Bathe, Jacob Perkins, His Inventions, His Times and His Contemporaries, (Historical Society of Pennsylvania 1943 Philadelphia).

Albert Collins, "Jacob Perkins and the Washington Die", The Numismatist, Vol. 72, No. 8 (August 1959), pp. 938-939. Illus.

" Jacob Perkins, Die Cutter, Engraver", The Numismatist, Vol. 33, (1920) p. 188. Illus.

"Jacob Perkins, An Early New England Die Cutter", American Journal Numismatics, Vol. 27, p. 25; Vol. 30, p. 118.

Wayne —

I hope these will be helpful  
to you in your research  
and writing on this topic

Eric

Wayne Horzen

January 9, 1996

Dear Wayne:

My article on the first American numismatic writing was in the August 1992 Numismatist. Your excerpt from Mease was first published by the NY Historical Society in 1821 as he stated. I was not aware it was copied in 1822 for the Saturday Magazine. See my article for details.

I hope I have been helpful. Keep digging for new data.

A copy of the present draft of the Nova Constellatio paper is enclosed. Any prompt suggestions are welcome.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

Wayne Homren

August 28, 1998

Dear Wayne:

Eric was describing your new enthusiasm for the advertising aspect of numismatic literature and how he enjoyed speaking with you in Portland.

In the course of doing other work with our uncataloged price lists, I came across an advertisement and immediately thought of your new collecting interest.

Eric happily agreed that I should send you a copy of the ad. If I come across any other numismatic advertising leaflets etc. I will be glad to inform you, etc.

Best of luck with your collecting.

Sincerely,

Thomas Serfass

To: Wayne Homren  
August 18, 1999

From Eric P. Newman

Your conduct of the bibli meeting was great.

I was never sent the last two Asylums for 1998 or the first two in 1999. Please send them.

If I owe dues please let me know as I thought I was current.

Subj: Nicholas Pike Arithmatic Publications  
Date: 11/15/2000 7:12:28 PM Central Standard Time  
From: [REDACTED]  
To: [REDACTED]

I was delighted to have Edward A. Krivoniak make reference to the early American arithmetic books of Nicholas Pike through reading Isaac Asimov who seemed to write about everything. This is serendipity at its best. I have both of the Pike editions in my library and used them and other early American mathematics books and pamphlets to prepare the tables beginning on page 471 of the 4th edition of The Early Paper Money of America, etc. The ability of Americans to make complex money exchange calculations during the American Colonial and Confederation period and beyond was astounding. All this points to the broad and exciting scope of numismatic literature.

Eric P. Newman